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The following objectives were assigned to the BGFIEND team:

- a. To infiltrate into Albania from Kastoria, Greece and set up a base at point #1. There they were to await a prearranged drop schedule which would bring a W/T operator, arms and supplies. Points #2 and #3 were assigned as alternate drop areas.
- b. The mission was also to organize and arm the area, but no action was to be taken until further orders were received.
- c. They were specifically instructed to avoid armed conflicts. Their weapons were to be used only for self defense.

The following information was passed to British Intelligence:

- a. In the week of 9 June 1951, BGFIEND operations claimed areas A and B for their operations. This information was passed to []
- b. On 13 June 1951, [] sent to London these proposed areas.
- c. On 19 June 1951 [] sent to London an overlay showing [] proposed areas for all British and American teams.
- d. On 27 June 1951, London notified [] that they were going to infiltrate a team just south of area A.

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e. The BGFIEND staff in Athens are of the opinion that the route and drop areas of the BGFIEND team were outlined to [] in the BGFIEND office 6 August 1951 directly after a meeting with the team leader and General Nikolopolous' staff.

[] claims that he had no knowledge of the proposed operation until he had received [] on 10 August 1951 the BGFIEND Intelligence Summary # 15.

f. Unfortunately the dates of exchange of BGFIEND and VALUABLE intelligence summaries were not recorded.

The British team was based approximately twenty miles southeast of their proposed area when the BGFIEND team appeared searching for food also slightly off their route.

As a result of further debriefing, BGFIEND in Athens is of the opinion that the BGFIEND team was justified by necessity in operating outside their route and under the circumstances, killing the communist officials was done for self preservation.

BGFIEND IN Athens regards the whole incident as an unfortunate case of uncontrollable circumstances whereby British Intelligence was the loser.

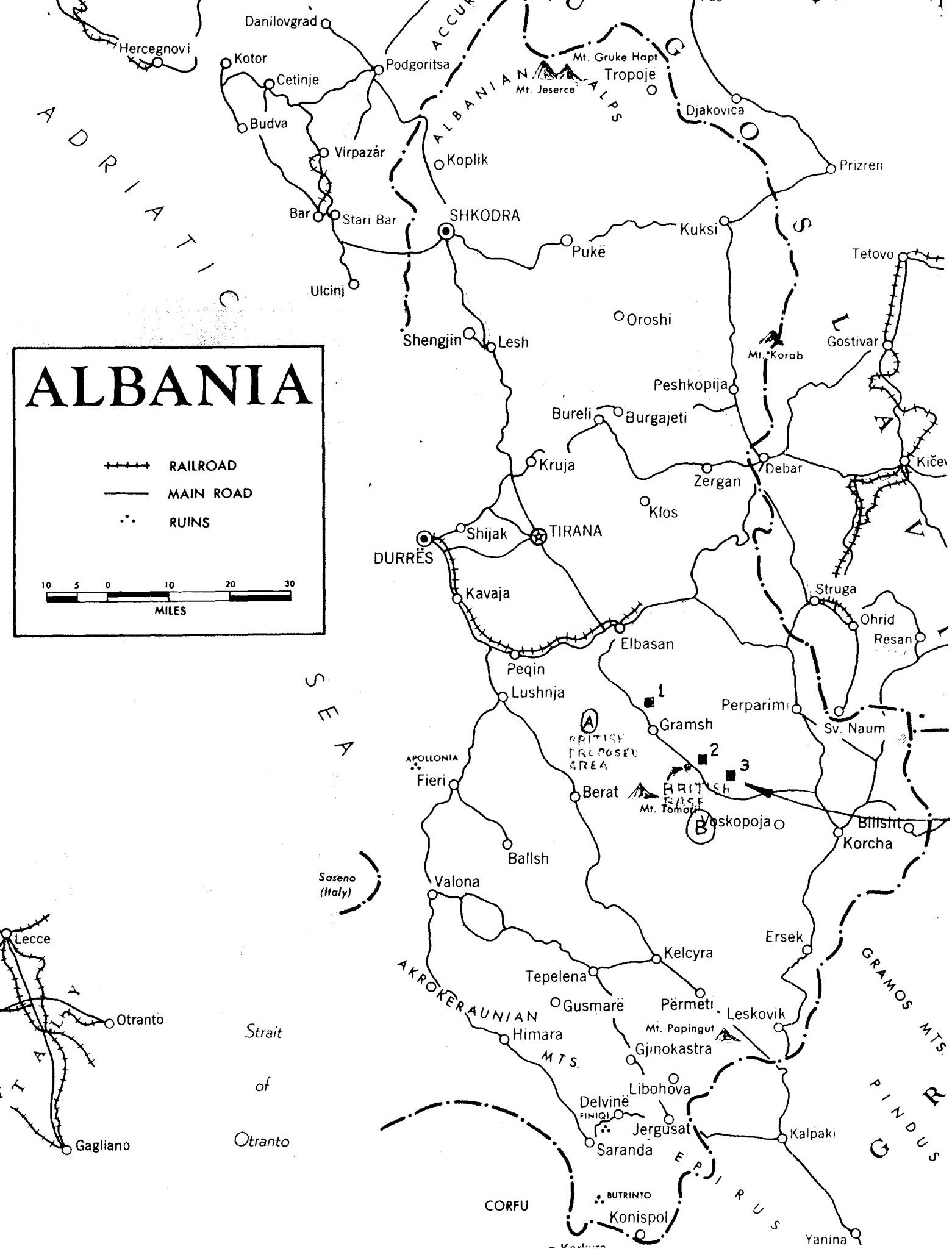
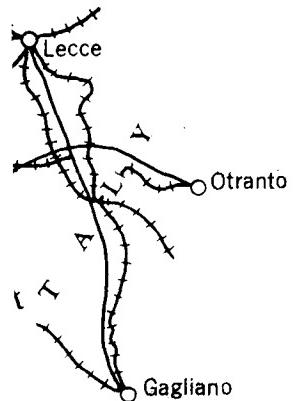
He also hopes British Intelligence in London share the Field's desire to let bygones be bygones and that nothing will occur to change excellent BGFIEND/VALUABLE relations now existing in Athens.

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